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October 11, 2013

Water System No. 4900924

Erika Thorkelson
Fremont Diner
2660 Fremont Drive
Sonoma, CA 95476

CITATION NO. 02-18-13C-055
NITRATE MONITORING AND REPORTING VIOLATION FOR 2012

Enclosed is a Citation issued to the Fremont Diner (System) public water system.

Your System will be billed at the Department's hourly rate (currently estimated at \$126.00) for the time spent on issuing this Citation since this is an enforcement action for noncompliance with State regulations. At this time, we have spent approximately one hour on enforcement activities associated with this violation. You will receive a bill sent from our Fee Billing Unit in Sacramento on approximately August 1, 2014. This bill will contain fees for any enforcement time spent on your System.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Waldon Wong of my staff at (707) 576-2764 or me at (707) 576-2006.

Sincerely,

Janice M. Thomas, P.E.
Sonoma District Engineer
Drinking Water Field Operations Branch

Enclosures

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Name of Public Water System: Fremont Diner

Water System No: 4900924

To: Erika Thorkelson
2660 Fremont Drive
Sonoma, CA 95476

Issued: October 11, 2013

CITATION FOR NONCOMPLIANCE
With Nitrate Monitoring and Reporting

Section 116650 of the California Health and Safety Code (CHSC), authorizes the issuance of a citation for failure to comply with a requirement of California Safe Drinking Water Act (CHSC, Division 104, Part 12, Chapter 4, commencing with Section 116270), or any regulation, standard, permit or order issued thereunder.

The Division of Drinking Water and Environmental Management of the State of California Department of Public Health (Department) hereby issues a citation to Fremont Diner (System) for failure to comply with Title 22, California Code of Regulations (CCR) Section 64432.1 and 64469.



APPLICABLE AUTHORITIES

Section 116650 of the CHSC states in relevant part:

- (a) If the department determines that a public water system is in violation of this chapter or any regulation, permit, standard, citation, or order issued or adopted thereunder, the department may issue a citation to the public water system. The citation shall be served upon the public water system personally or by certified mail. Service shall be deemed effective as of the date of personal service or the date of receipt of the certified mail. If a person to whom a citation is directed refuses to accept delivery of the certified mail, the date of service shall be deemed to be the date of mailing.
- (b) Each citation shall be in writing and shall describe the nature of the violation or violations, including a reference to the statutory provision, standard, order, citation, permit, or regulation alleged to have been violated.
- (c) A citation may specify a date for elimination or correction of the condition constituting the violation.
- (d) A citation may include the assessment of a penalty as specified in subdivision (e).
- (e) The department may assess a penalty in an amount not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per day for each day that a violation occurred, and



1 for each day that a violation continues to occur. A separate penalty may be
2 assessed for each violation.

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4 California Code of Regulations, Section 64432.1 states in relevant part:

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6 (a) To determine compliance with the MCL for nitrate in Table 64431-A, all public
7 water systems using groundwater and transient-noncommunity systems using
8 approved surface water shall monitor annually.

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10 California Code of Regulations, Section 64431-A states in relevant part:

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13 Table 64431-A
Maximum Contaminant Levels
Inorganic Chemicals

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<i>Chemical</i>	<i>Maximum Contaminant Level, mg/L</i>
Nitrate (as NO ₃)	45.

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17 California Code of Regulations, Section 64469 states in relevant part:

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19 (a) Analytical results of all sample analyses completed in a calendar month shall be
20 reported to the Department no later than the tenth day of the following month.
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22 (c) Analytical results shall be reported to the Department electronically using the
23 Electronic Deliverable Format as defined in The Electronic Deliverable Format
24 [EDF] Version 1.2i Guidelines & Restrictions dated April 2001 and Data
25 Dictionary dated April 2001.
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DETERMINATIONS

THE DEPARTMENT HAS DETERMINED:

The System violated Title 22 of the CCR, Section 64432.1 and 64469, in that the System failed to collect and report the required number of nitrate samples during 2012.

DIRECTIVES

Fremont Diner is hereby directed to take the following actions:

1. Comply with Section 64432.1 and 64469, Title 22, of the CCR in all future monitoring periods.
2. Notify all persons served by the System of the nitrate monitoring requirements, in conformance with Section 64463.4 and 64465, Title 22 of the CCR, and as follows:
 - a) Completion of Attachment A to include the name, address, and telephone number of a System representative as a source of additional information concerning the public notice. **You must also give a legible, written description (preferably typed) of**



1 **the corrective actions taken by the water system to prevent**
2 **this violation from occurring in the future. You must use the**
3 **space provided in Attachment A for this written description.**

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6 b) Post the notice contained in Attachment A, **after it has been**
7 **completed in accordance with (a) above**, in conspicuous
8 locations throughout the area served by the System. Posting
9 must begin no later than **November 15, 2013** and must continue
10 for seven days.

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12 c) Publish the notice contained in Attachment A, **after it has been**
13 **completed in accordance with (a) above**, in a local newspaper
14 of general circulation in the area served by the System (or weekly
15 newspaper if no daily paper is available) for one day. The
16 publication in a local newspaper must be completed by
17 **November 15, 2013.**

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20 d) Provide public notice for this violation in accordance with Section
21 64465(c), Title 22 or the CCR, which requires for each non-
22 English speaking group that exceeds 1,000 residents or 10% of
23 the residents in a community (whichever is less) that the public
24 notice contain information in the appropriate language(s)
25 regarding the importance of the notice, or contain a telephone
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1 number or address where such residents may contact the water
2 system to receive a translated copy of the notice or to receive
3 assistance in the appropriate language.
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6 3. The System shall complete the attached Compliance Certification
7 form and return it to the Department within 10 days of the public
8 notice being given to system customers but in no case later than
9 **November 27, 2013. A copy of the notice published in the**
10 **newspaper, a copy of the notice posted, and a copy of the**
11 **laboratory results must be attached to the form.**
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14 The Department reserves the right to make such modifications to this
15 Citation as it may deem necessary to protect public health and safety. Such
16 modifications may be issued as amendments to this Citation and shall be
17 effective upon issuance.
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19 Nothing in this Citation relieves the System of its obligation to meet the
20 requirements of the California Safe Drinking Water Act (CHSC, Division 104,
21 Part 12, Chapter 4, commencing with Section 116270), or any regulation,
22 standard, permit or order issued thereunder.
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1 All submittals required by this Citation shall be submitted to the Department
2 at the following address: Janice M. Thomas, P.E.
3 Department of Public Health
4 Drinking Water Field Operations Branch
5 50 D Street, Suite 200
6 Santa Rosa, CA 95404

7 **PARTIES BOUND**

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9 This Citation shall apply to and be binding upon the System, its officers,
10 directors, agents, employees, contractors, successors, and assignees.
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12 **SEVERABILITY**

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14 The directives of this Citation are severable, and the System shall comply
15 with each and every provision thereof notwithstanding the effectiveness of
16 any provision.
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19 **FURTHER ENFORCEMENT ACTION**

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21 Division 104, Part 12, Chapter 4, (commencing with Section 116270) of the
22 California Health and Safety Code authorizes the Department to: issue
23 additional citations with assessment of penalties if the System continues to
24 fail to correct a violation identified in a citation; take action to suspend or
25 revoke a permit that has been issued to a public water system if the System
26 has violated applicable law or regulations or has failed to comply with orders
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of the Department; and petition the superior court to take various enforcement measures against a public water system that has failed to comply with orders of the Department. The Department does not waive any further enforcement action by issuance of this citation.

Janice M. Thomas

Janice M. Thomas, P.E.
Sonoma District Engineer
Drinking Water Field Operations Branch

October 11, 2013

Date

Attachments

Certified Mail No. 7012 2210 0002 1673 6024

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COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION

Citation Number: 02-18-13C-055

Name of Water System: Fremont Diner

System Number: 4900924

Certification

I certify that the users of the water supplied by this water system were notified of the nitrate monitoring violations of Title 22, California Code of Regulations (CCR) for the compliance period of 2012.

Required Action

Date Completed

Complete Attachment A, as required in Directive 2(a)

Public Notification – Posting

Public Notification – Newspaper

Completed Chemical Monitoring Results

Signature of Water System Representative

Date

Attach a copy of the notice posted in the system, a copy published in the newspaper, and laboratory results of completed sampling.

**THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE DEPARTMENT
NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 27, 2013**

Disclosure: Be advised that Section 116725 and 116730 of the California Health and Safety Code states that any person who knowingly makes any false statement on any report or document submitted for the purpose of compliance with the attached order may be liable for a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for each separate violation for each day that violation continues. In addition, the violators may be prosecuted in criminal court and upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$25,000 for each day of violation, or be imprisoned in county jail not to exceed one year, or by both the fine and imprisonment.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Este informe contiene informacion muy importante sobre su agua potable. Traduzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Fremont Diner Failed to Test for nitrate during 2012

We failed to test the drinking water for nitrate during 2012. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we did to correct the situation. Please share this information with other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly. You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or giving out copies by hand or mail.

What happened?

We are required by state regulations to monitor our drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of this routine monitoring are an indicator of whether or not the drinking water meets health standards. During 2012, we did not test for nitrate and, therefore, cannot be sure of the quality of the drinking water at that time.

What does this mean?

Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing nitrate in excess of the MCL may quickly become seriously ill and, if untreated, may die because high nitrate levels can interfere with the capacity of the infant's blood to carry oxygen. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blueness of the skin. High nitrate levels may also affect the oxygen-carrying ability of the blood of pregnant women.

What should I do?

You do not need to take any corrective actions. This is not an emergency. If you have health concerns, you may wish to consult your doctor. General guidelines on arsenic in drinking water are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

What corrective actions have been taken to prevent this violation from occurring in the future?

This notification of the public is being done in compliance with Sections 64463.4 and 64465, Title 22 of the CCR as a means of keeping the public informed.

Persons wishing more information should contact:

(name)

(address)

(phone number)